

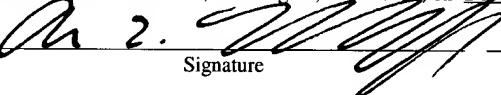
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IN THE UNITED STATES AND PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gabriele Korus et al.
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For : METHOD OF PRODUCING A QUARTZ
GLASS CRUCIBLE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 15 without prejudice and add the following new claims.

16. A method of producing a quartz glass crucible, said method comprising:
preparing a crucible body having a concavity with an inner layer in which in at least a
portion thereof the formation of cristobalite is induced using a crystallization promoter,